

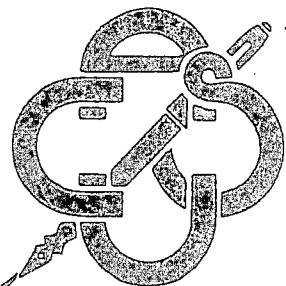
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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1991 AT 6:30 P.M. IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

Documents Considered:

BD-123-D2 Student Housing Triangle

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Jarno Makkonen, called this meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. even though quorum wasn't yet reached. He also said that the meeting would proceed informally with the reports until quorum is achieved.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Eleanor Brown
Charlene Nero

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Jennifer Dang-Tran
Sophie Desjardins
Hernani Farias
Christine Legault
Victoria Rodriguez
Michael Spowart
Phil Toone (7:45 p.m.)

COMMERCE

Jennifer Kalman
Nick Kaminaris
Marc Tisseur

ABSENT

Arts and Science: Kathy Fretz (w/r), Chemagne Martin (w/r), Heidi Modro (w/r), Jamie Ross (w/r), Etoile Stewart (w/r), Esther Vise (w/r)

Commerce: Robin Chabot (w/r), Thomas Dowd (w/r), Jimmy Elenakis (w/r), Esmeralda Florio, Kerry Schacter (w/r)

Fine Arts: Cathy Balsitis, Kellie Coppin

Engineering: Kieran Hackett, Frank Pathyl (w/r), Dave Pichmann

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 125th Meeting of the Board of Directors Be Approved.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: M. Tisseur

The Chair informed the directors that he had received a request for a Pressing Item to be included under item 5.5 titled-Pressing Business: Police Incidence. He also said that under the reports, it has been requested to add item 6.7: Report of the 350th Special Task Force and item 6.8: Cusacorp Board Report. The Chair also informed the Directors that for item 6.2, the executives who would be submitting reports are: Finance, External and Student Life.

C. Nero suggested that the Finance report be moved to last, since it will require quorum in order for a motion to be brought forth.

The Chair asked J. Serruya if he had a report to submit. J. Serruya replied that he was under the impression that executives would submit reports at every second meeting. He also said that if anyone has any specific questions he would be more than happy to answer them.

The Chair said that the agenda has Orders of the Day, which are time limits for discussions and that they were decided upon by the Steering Committee, with the following format: Items 1.-5.-30 minutes, item 6.-30 minutes, item 7.-1 hour, item 8.-30 minutes and items 9.-10.-30 minutes.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Minutes of the 124th Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Moved by: H. Farias

Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

N. Kaminaris said that he was under the impression that the minutes of the 123rd meeting were tabled at the last meeting and would be brought forth to this meeting for approval. The Chair replied that according to the records, these minutes were approved in principle, on condition that the typographical errors would be corrected.

C. Nero suggested doing things formally until quorum is achieved and then ratifying all decisions passed by the Board once quorum is achieved.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chair explained the Orders of the Day and said that they can be changed by bringing forth a motion which requires a simple majority vote. He also said that these orders are set in the context of this meeting only and that they will be revised at every Steering Committee meeting.

5.5 PRESSING BUSINESS

Motion 565

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA condemn the most recent wave of racist police violence and the ongoing attacks against the Black Community in Montreal, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA do everything in its power to support the Black Community in its efforts against police violence.

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: E. Brown

C. Nero said that this motion was submitted to Cusa by members of the Caribbean Students Union and AKAX. She also said that it is important that Cusa takes a strong position condemning police violence in general and that Cusa do everything it can to support the great number of students of color who attend this university and who see the day-to-day violence.

H. Farias asked for clarification on "everything in our power". C. Nero replied that this compels Cusa to help in every way possible within reasonable means.

VOTE ON MOTION

9/0/2

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 Co-Presidents

C. Nero said that she has been asked to give a brief report on the part of the V.P Communications who is away on a personal issue. She informed the Board that the handbook went to the printers on schedule and that it is scheduled to be back on August 18. She also said that volunteers will be solicited to stuff the handbooks with advertising and informational inserts.

C. Nero said that the Archives at Loyola will be moved out of the present room they are presently in and that out of the two sessions to sort them out one of them was well-attended. She also said that they are at the stage of moving them over to another room.

C. Nero said that she has been involved in trying to solicit an advance from Institutional Relations and Finance to help alleviate the slight deficit situation which Cusa is faced with the bank. She also said that Dr. Propp is looking into this issue and that they will be asking for \$80,000 and will most likely receive \$60,000.

E. Brown said that in regards to the increase in International Student Fees she has not received any written confirmation but that she was verbally told by M. Habib that a fund to help out International students faced with financial difficulties will be set up.

C. Nero said that she received a letter from the University of Manitoba asking Cusa if students at Concordia would be interested in participating in a national day of protest regarding student issues. She also said that it was discussed at the executive level and several issues came forth. Charlene also said that specific ideas should be forwarded to J. Brown.

6.2 Executives

V.P. External

J. Brown said that he attended a conference in Chicoutimi for the Federation of University Students of Quebec which is the organization that Cusa is not a member of. He also said that efficiency is their strength but that politically they are not highly developed and that they do have much closer contact with the Provincial Government. James

said that they will be holding a day of study and discussion on August 3rd at McGill and that he will be attending it.

J. Brown said that he has been having regular discussions with ANEEQ and they are organizing a special congress in October on the issue of independence of Quebec. He also said that there is a possibility that ANEEQ will be passing a motion supporting the independence of Quebec.

J. Brown said that in regards to the Housing Triangle, the motion associated with this issue is in regards to the employment of an individual, under Article 25, and that he would be taking responsibility for that person but that he will also be assisted by people in UQAM and Q-PIRG McGill. He also said that they are in a position to purchase a house and are awaiting the appropriate piece of property.

H. Farias expressed concern over the funding of an organization that is badly run, namely ANEEQ. J. Brown responded that this is up to the Board of Directors discretion. M. Spowart asked to know when Cusa's membership expires with regards to ANEEQ. J. Brown replied that it doesn't and that the only way to remove itself from ANEEQ is via a student referendum.

M. Spowart asked to know if Cusa is doing anything in response to this support of independence. J. Brown said that he is looking to divert ANEEQ's focus on educational issues and that he is encouraging them to develop answers to the questions the minister of education is presently posing.

H. Farias asked if it would be possible to formulate some options regarding the independent issue, in terms of what Cusa's stand should be at the conference, for the next meeting of the Board and have the Board rule on them. J. Brown responded that he would.

C. Nero said that she feels that there are strong feelings about the independence issue and that perhaps it would be beneficial to Cusa if it waits until students return to classes in the Fall for input before a decision is undertaken.

V.P. Student Life

C. Nero informed the directors that T. Taylor handed in her resignation last Friday due to personal problems and will be unable to complete her portfolio for the remainder of the term. She also asked the Board to approve L. Grimes as interim V.P. Student Life for the purpose of posting for the C.C.S.L. Committee and to maintain correspondence with the committees that T. Taylor was involved with. Charlene also added that it would be wise to wait until September to recruit a new V.P. Student Life when students return to classes.

H. Farias suggested that this decision be referred to the Personnel Committee and bring it back to the Board for approval. C. Nero replied that the Personnel Policy states that a Hiring Committee will hire personnel. She also said that the Personnel Committee can overturn decisions made by the Hiring Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT L. Grimes be appointed interim V.P. Student Life until a new executive is recruited for the position in September.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: H. Farias

N. Kaminaris asked L. Grimes if she feels that this position will consume time from her current portfolio. L. Grimes replied that she doesn't see any problems or conflicts with time for the remainder of the summer and that her aim is to maintain the continuity and to make sure that C.C.S.L. has the representation that it requires.

J. Serruya asked L. Grimes if she intends on replacing T. Taylor on the Space Plan Committee. L. Grimes replied that it is not existent anymore.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

M. Spowart asked J. Serruya what positions Cusa will be looking for input from the general student population and when they would be advertised. J. Serruya replied that two representatives will be appointed to sit on Board of Governors and that several seats are available for Senate and sixteen seats for Arts and Science Faculty Council. He also said that they will be advertised for in the first issue of the Link and the Concordian.

MOVE TO EXTEND REPORTS A FURTHER 25 MINUTES

Moved by: M. Tisseur
Seconded by: H. Farias

J. Serruya informed everyone that ideas for the Bill of Student Rights and suggestions are still welcome. He also said that he has received some correspondence from the Ombuds Office and that the Vice-Rector Academic and her assistant are out of town.

The Chair suggested that a motion be introduced to ratify all decisions made up to this point, since quorum had been reached.

MOVE TO RATIFY THE DECISIONS MADE AT THIS MEETING

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: E. Brown

VOTE ON MOTION

9/0/3

CARRIED

V.P. Finance

D. Porter reviewed the budget and explained that there is a substantial deficit from last year and that a thorough examination of suppliers was undertaken.

N. Kaminaris asked if the budget presented requires the approval of the Board at this meeting or if D. Porter is seeking recommendations from the directors to be brought back to the Finance Committee for discussion. H. Farias replied that modifications could be made by the Board but that the Finance Committee has undergone extensive analysis in all areas in drawing up this budget.

M. Spowart asked if there will be any re-evaluation of ECA and CASA fees. D. Porter replied that he doesn't feel comfortable putting down a larger sum than Cusa has ever received from them and that he followed a conservative strategy for revenues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1991-92 budget be approved.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

N. Kaminaris felt that the budget allocated for the elections was high. D. Porter replied that this category has been trimmed by \$6,000 over last year's figure. H. Farias also added that Cusa has more electoral booths set up for voting and therefore more employees are required.

N. Kaminaris asked if the figure for administration salaries takes into account that Cusa no longer has an Executive Administrator. D. Porter replied that this figure will be adjusted since the approval of this category was taken before the position was eliminated. C. Nero said that it is not yet clear how substantial this administrative savings will be.

H. Farias said that extensive analysis was conducted this year by the Finance Committee. He also asked for the breakdown of the executive stipend and salaries. C. Nero replied that the executive salaries for the Co-Presidents are \$5,800/each due to an increase in cost of living allowance for all the positions. She also said that the V.P. Finance is receiving \$4,200 and that the remaining executive stipends for the summer are as follows: V.P. Communications-\$2,500, V.P. Liaison \$1,000, V.P. Education-\$1,000, V.P. Student Life-\$1,000, V.P. External-\$1,000, V.P. Cusacorp-\$1,000 and Advocate Services \$500. Charlene added that the executive stipend for the school year is as follows: Co-Presidents-\$5,800 and the rest of the V.P.'s will each receive \$2,625 with the exception of V.P. Advocate Services-\$1,575.

M. Spowart suggested putting off this item for a special meeting.

MOVE TO TABLE THE BUDGET

Moved by: M. Spowart
Seconded by: H. Farias

M. Spowart said that the Association would be better served to hold a special meeting to review the budget extensively.

It was unanimously agreed to hold a special meeting on August 14 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Hall Building.

VOTE ON MOTION

11/0/1

TABLED

N. Kaminaris asked that the Finance Committee come back with supporting documents for the budget.

MOVE TO EXTEND REPORTS ANOTHER 30 MINUTES

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: E. Brown

VOTE ON MOTION

7/4/1

CARRIED

6.3 Legal Report

C. Nero said that Cusa has incurred no new lawsuits in the last three and a half weeks and had had to contact the lawyer only for documentation on other issues. She also said that she hasn't received any quarterly statement yet.

6.4 Strategic Space Planning Committee

P. Toone said that he submitted a report to the secretary and will proceed to read the report to the Board. The directors suggested that a summary be forwarded and its recommendations. P. Toone read the recommendations, mainly being:

1. If any further Capital Campaigns are initiated by the University Cusa should insist on written guarantees before agreeing to the initiative,
2. To ensure that our representatives on the Board of Governors oppose the Strategic Space Plan Committee Report at the appropriate meeting,
3. Invite the Co-Chairs of the SSPC to a Board of Directors meeting in order that they may present and defend their plan,
4. Insist that the SSPC be reconstituted so as to represent the various elements within the University community,
5. Demand that the SSPC produce publicly any and all correspondence between Concordia University and the MESS concerning Strategic Space and make this available to CUSA.

P. Toone also said that the Ad-Hoc Committee on Space Planning submitted the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors continues to oppose the Strategic Space Plan and will continue to support the initiatives aimed at resisting its implementation.

Moved by: P. Toone
Seconded by: E. Brown

E. Brown said that the SSPC is not a committee interested in democratic debate. M. Spowart asked for clarification on what this Board is looking to oppose. P. Toone replied that the Board is looking to oppose the committee as well as the report submitted.

C. Legault asked to know the recommendations. P. Toone replied that Humanities will be moved to Loyola, and Engineering is to be expanded into the new library facilities.

M. Spowart asked to know which members were supporting this report. P. Toone replied that L. Grimes, J. D. Tran, C. Nero, E. Brown, M. Bradley and himself attended the last meeting.

N. Kaminaris suggested tabelling this item until the next meeting when everyone can have a copy of the report. C. Nero objected on the grounds that the Board did not wish to hear P. Toone's report.

H. Farias said that enough has been heard in regards to this issue and that it is obvious that the University is aiming at sectorizing the education of this university.

VOTE ON MOTION

11/0/1

CARRIED

6.5 Computer Proposal Committee

M. Tisseur said that he has started to look at how to plan the committee's activities and getting ideas of what it is students want. He also said that there are two positions open for interested directors to sit on.

6.6 Personnel Committee

H. Farias said that Personnel Committee met and evaluated the staff of Cusa and that things are working very well. He also said that due to financial reasons, the position of the Executive Administrator was eliminated and that the remainder of the employees received small increases in salaries.

N. Kaminaris expressed concern over the elimination of the position of the Executive Administrator and said that members of the Board should be informed of important decisions undertaken. He also said that an emergency Board of Directors meeting should have been called to inform the Directors.

J. Serruya asked to know how the responsibilities of the Executive Administrator are currently being dealt with. H. Farias replied that several factors of his job description were no longer needed to be performed. He also said that the Personnel Committee met and acted within its grounds. E. Brown further said that the tasks remaining on this job

description are divided among the remainder of the staff in the office. She also said that calling a special meeting for every important decision undertaken when there are so many is very difficult to do.

S. Desjardins suggested that in the future written notices should be left in the mailboxes to inform directors of the happenings of the Association. E. Brown replied that a notice was posted at both campuses.

H. Farias said that one of the biggest problems the Personnel Committee had was that most job descriptions were written in 1987-88 and haven't been revised since.

C. Nero pointed out that the sub-committees of the Board are duly constituted and have a specific job description and mandate to follow.

MOVE TO EXTEND TO FINISH REPORTS

Moved by: M. Tisseur

Seconded by: E. Brown

VOTE ON MOTION

7/5/0

CARRIED

6.7 350th Special Task Force

M. Ryan said that groups both Native and non-Native were invited to a meeting with the Rector and S. Wheeler, his secretary, who did attend. He also said that the Rector pulled out a few minutes before the meeting was scheduled to start, due to the tone of the letter he had sent him. Mike said that vague answers were obtained from S. Wheeler about the participation of projects on campus. He also said that following the meeting, a letter was forwarded to the Rector with a set of questions and that the reply of the Rector was to schedule another duly convened meeting.

M. Ryan said that at this point there is no feasible way to move to support the 350th celebrations. H. Farias asked if it is his opinion that this committee has taken a more negative tone to the 350th or if it is attempting to try and meet what is lacking in the committee. M. Ryan replied that the committee consulted with people from Kawnawake and with the Assembly of First Nations of Concordia and that they both felt strongly against the celebrations.

C. Nero said that the Rector refused to talk to a reporter from the Gazette who was at the meeting held and who posed some straight forward questions.

M. Ross, from Amateur Radio, said that his group is one which will be carrying out an event for the 350th Anniversary of Montreal, under Concordia's umbrella group, and that he has attended all the committee meetings for the 350th Anniversary. He also asked why they were not approached for input on some political problems that have been developing. M. Ryan said that Cusa was lead to believe that there were only two groups who had received support and that Amateur Radio was not one of them. M. Ross said that this list was forwarded by the Board of

Governors and that their project is on-going. He also said that their seed money of \$1,000 for fundraising is intact and that they will be carrying out their project. M. Ross added that Amateur Radio is seeking support from the Student Association to carry out this project.

M. Ross asked if Amateur Radio can sit on this committee. E. Brown replied that it is an open committee and that they will be informed when the next meeting will be held. M. Ross asked if a decision will be reached at this meeting whether to support the project. M. Ryan replied that presently there is nobody participating on the committee who feels that there is much to celebrate.

M. Ross asked to know what the consequence would be if the committee decides not to support the 350th celebrations on student groups. M. Ryan replied that this is too hypothetical at this point.

V. Rodriguez asked to know how the groups that were invited felt. M. Ryan replied that the groups that sent representatives to the meeting that day all felt inclined not to support the 350th Anniversary Celebrations.

C. Nero said that the University donated \$25,000 on what is called seed money and that Cusa was told that this money would be used to make a fairly involved proposal for a group to request funding from the 1992 corporation. She also said that Cusa was assured that no money given to any group was to be used for specific projects but that all the funds would be used to make the project proposal to the 1992 committee. Charlene further added that in front of the press, it was stated that Concordia was in no way supporting the 1992 celebrations at any monetary fashion beyond that.

M. Spowart asked if Natives have been specifically excluded from funding. M. Ryan replied that they haven't been specifically excluded and that various Mohawk organizations have chosen to exclude themselves because they see it as a celebration of genocide. He also said that the committee feels strongly in favor of the Native opinion and that the celebrations offend many students and groups.

C. Nero said that they were approached by a number of native students who are concerned over the racist nature of 350th and 500th Anniversary of Columbus' Voyage. She also said that there is a movement to boycott the latter which has gained momentum in the last two years. Charlene further added that the committee's concern is that there is no evidence that any Native groups are involved in any activity funded by the corporation, even though the Rector stated a year ago that Native participation was encouraged.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors refuse to support the 1992 celebrations until it obtains sufficient information to base a decision.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: M. Tisseur

C. Nero said that it is important that Cusa convey the message to the Community that it does not have enough

information to make a decision to support the celebrations.

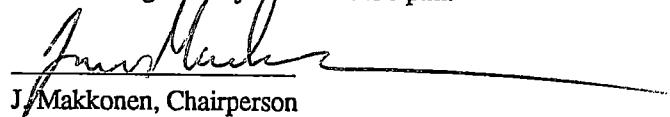
Quorum was called by C. Nero and the Chair announced that the meeting would proceed informally.

H. Farias asked to know why this motion is being pushed forward when the committee has not stepped forward with a formal recommendation. He also said that it is seems premature to formulate a policy that is binding on the Association until the committee reaches a decision. Hernani also questioned the committee's absence to formulate a mandate. C. Nero replied that it is apparent that the University through the Rector, is endeavoring to communicate to the community at large that organizations like Cusa are supporting the 350th Celebrations and that Cusa has to clarify to the University that it has not made a decision regarding this issue due to lack of information. Charlene further added that part of the committee's mandate is to obtain the information that it lacks from the Rector.

V. Rodriguez said that this whole issue should be directed to the Rector who has all the information and that Cusa as an organization representing the student body needs to obtain information to formulate an informed decision.

M. Ross asked if Amateur Radio can approach the Finance Committee for funding on the 350th Celebrations. E. Brown replied that the Finance Committee is willing to evaluate the request and that this motion does not imply that groups can't be involved or receive money.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


J. Makkonen, Chairperson


H. Danakas, Secretary